

Dominion Grange

Patrons of Husbandry

Fifty-third Annual Session

Sept. 7th, 1927



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Brief Synopsis of Proceedings

CARLS-RITE HOTEL

Toronto, Canada

OFFICERS OF DOMINION GRANGE

ELECTED SEPTEMBER 7th, 1927

53rd Annual Session

Worthy Master	Bro. W. E. Wardell, St. Thomas, R.R. 1
Worthy Overseer	Bro. W. J. Goodfellow, Stroud
Worthy Lecturer	Bro. John Pritchard, ex-M.P., Harriston
Worthy Chaplain	Bro. Judson Austin, Simcoe, R.R. 5
Worthy Secretary and Treasurer,	Sister Hattie Robinson, St. Thomas, R.R. 1
Worthy Recording Secretary . .	Sister Annie McMaster, Palmerston, R.R. 3
Worthy Steward	Bro. James Anderson, Mountain View
Worthy Assistant Steward . . .	Bro. Jonathan Austin, Simcoe, R.R. 3
Worthy Lady Assistant	Sister Mrs. W. E. Wardell, St. Thomas, R.R. 1
Worthy Gatekeeper	Bro. W. F. W. Fisher, Burlington
Worthy Ceres	Sister Mrs. James McIntosh, Guelph, R.R. 7
Worthy Flora	Sister Mrs. E. H. Dolman, Long Branch
Worthy Pomona	Sister Mrs. Annie Axford, St. Thomas
Worthy Auditor	Bro. J. G. Lethbridge, M.L.A., Glencoe

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

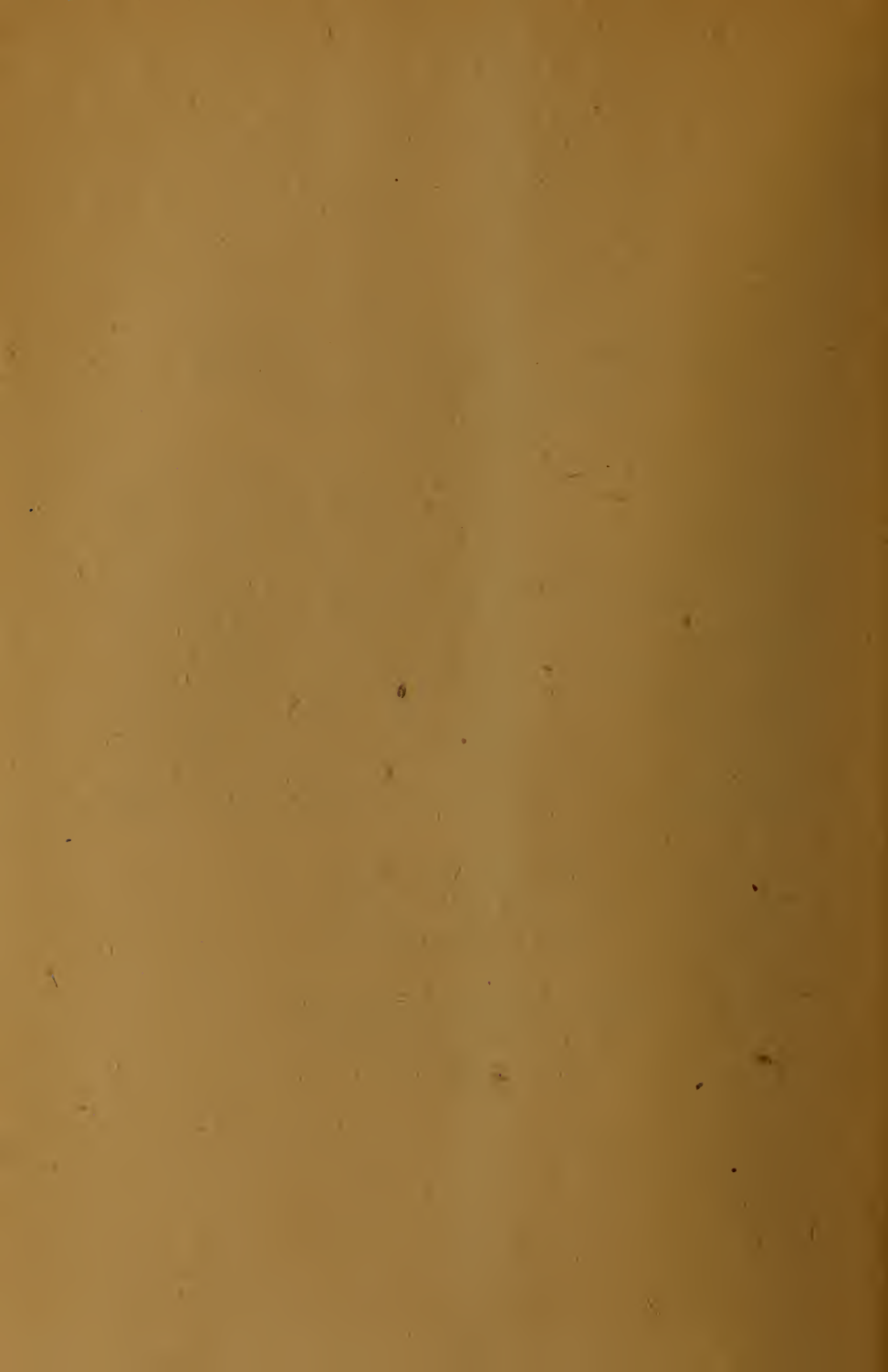
Bro. Howard Bertram, Midhurst

Bro. J. C. Dixon, Moorefield

REPRESENTATIVES FAIR BOARDS

J. C. Dixon—Canadian National

W. E. Wardell—Western



SYNOPSIS OF PROCEEDINGS

of the Fifty-third Annual Meeting of the

DOMINION GRANGE

(Organized in London, Ont., June 2nd, 1874)

FIRST SESSION

Minutes of Meeting held in the Carls-Rite Hotel on
Sept. 7th, 1927, at 2 p.m.

BRO. Wardell, Worthy Master, took the chair and opened in the usual form in the fourth degree, assisted by W. J. Goodfellow, Overseer, Recording Secretary Jonathan Austin, Chaplain Judson Austin, Steward J. G. Lethbridge, Lady Assistant Mrs. W. E. Wardell and Registering Secretary Miss A. McMaster.

Moved by the Secretary, Miss Robinson, seconded by Bro. Goodfellow, that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted as read, as 250 copies had been distributed and a number of them were in the seats. Carried.

The Worthy Master, Bro. Wardell, then gave a few words of welcome and referred to the placing of the annual meeting earlier in the year so that delegates could attend the Exhibition, also the weather conditions should be more favorable than in December, although the change might not bring a large representation, the busy season not being over this year owing to the lateness of seeding and harvest. It would be for the delegates to say what action should be taken in the future.

He referred to the expectation of having a member of the National Grange to bring greetings and expressed his pleasure as the cordial relations had always been and hoped always would be maintained. He also gave a good report of the Western Fair and spoke of the straight forward conduct of the directors and the success of this worthy institution.

Reports

Bro. Goodfellow of Painswick Grange gave some pertinent remarks regarding the objects and workings of the Grange in Simcoe County, telling of the fine hall owned by them and the value to the community of the Grange trying to leave it better than they found it. He spoke of having public meetings with Dominion Grange officers present.

Bro. Lethbridge, M.L.A., of West Middlesex, gave interesting details about the Grange and the U.F.O., also the great influence of the Grange in forming the characters of the people in the past, and hopes for the future.

Bro. Pritchard, ex-M.P., Ninth Line Grange, alluded to the influx of the rural young people to the city on account of the demand for such high types of citizens as come from the farms to fill positions of trust. The principles of the Grange are of the best and calculated to develop a lively interest in country life.

Bro. Judson Austin of Norfolk Grange told of their hall, which they used and rented to worthy objects for the betterment and enjoyment of the community.

Bro. James Anderson, Prince Edward County, spoke on general agricultural progress with the introduction of telephones, radios, rural mail and improved machinery, making the life of the farmer the equal, if not surpassing, that of the artisan.

The Worthy Master, in replying, spoke of his appreciation of the reports and said if any Grange or section would like the assistance of any of the officers by corresponding with the Secretary speakers would be arranged.

Resolutions

The following resolutions Committee was appointed to report after recess: Bros. W. F. Fisher, W. J. Goodfellow and Judson Austin.

Place of Next Meeting

Moved by Bro. Fisher, supported by Bro. Pritchard, that date of annual meeting be left to the decision of the Executive Committee. Carried.

Highways

Moved by Bro. Goodfellow, supported by Sister McIntosh, that we memorialize the Provincial Government that the Department of Highways be required to construct side paths on the roads for pedestrians, that glaring headlights be forbidden and that a standard speed limit be enforced.

An instructive discussion was participated in by Bros. Fisher, Dixon, Austin, the moved and seconder and the Master, it being pointed out that pedestrians should now use the left hand side facing the vehicle; the speed limit is hard to control; that municipalities are allowed a percentage now if they build side paths for school children and walkers. Resolution referred to committee.

Flag for Schools

The Secretary gave a short talk to a resolution asking that a flag be made the necessary equipment of rural schools, thus receiving a grant from the Government towards paying for the same.

In speaking to the resolution, Miss Robinson exhibited a number of flags, giving the history, origin and significance of each. She also spoke on flag etiquette and salutations which should be taught to all pupils.

In the discussion following, Bro. Fisher spoke of the present need of British education in the face of the foreign element now becoming so numerous.

Sister Axford told of the teaching of patriotism in the United States that had come under her personal observation and commended the spirit.

Bros. Lethbridge, Austin and Goodfellow also gave their testimony as to the value of patriotism.

Resolution referred to committee.

A general discussion relative to the resolutions of last year as to the game laws, protection and care of pheasants, mail carriers, etc. Bro. Lethbridge and secretary replied as to presenting the same and to the passing of some of the measures.

National Exhibition

Bro. J. C. Dixon gave a characteristic report on the National Fair, of which he has the honor to be Grand Representative, stating that it was now conceded by all to be the greatest annual one in the world, that they were erecting new buildings and gateways and that new space was being asked for by many foreign countries. The directors were trying to give the very best accommodation and service possible.

Meeting adjourned for thirty minutes.

SECOND SESSION

The Grange met pursuant to adjournment and resumed business.
The report of the Resolutions Committee was presented by Bro. Fisher.

Highways

Be it resolved that the Dominion Grange memorialize the Provincial Department of Highways to construct side paths for all pedestrians on all roads under their supervision and so remove one of the great menaces to public safety due to rapid and congested traffic.

Further, that much more stringent regulations be enforced regarding glaring headlights on motor cars, and that the Government establish a standard speed which no cars shall exceed. Adopted on motion.

The Flag on Schools

Resolved that the question of flying British flag on all public school premises and bringing it before the Government be left with Executive of Dominion Grange to ascertain what the law at present provides and if necessary impress on the Government the great desirability of inculcating in all the youth of the country a proper respect for the emblem of the Empire. Adopted on motion.

Bro. Lethbridge, M.L.A., agreed to bring the first resolution before the Legislature and the Secretary to find out all details as to school equipment before next annual.

Financial Statement

Receipts

Balance 1926 audit.....	\$ 34 24
Dues	56 39
Donations and subscriptions.....	10 40
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Disbursements

1926 delegates R.R. fares.....	\$ 52 66
National Grange Monthly.....	4 44
Printing proceedings.....	28 60
Stamps	2 00
	<hr/> \$ 87 70

Balance on hand.....\$ 13 33

Examined and found correct this 7th day of September, 1927.

JONATHAN AUSTIN, Auditor.

The Secretary explained that owing to meeting in September instead of December, as in the past, several Granges had not reported as yet.

Moved by Bro. Goodfellow, seconded by Bro. Fisher, the auditor's report, as read by J. Austin, auditor, be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved by Bro. John Pritchard, seconded by Bro. Judson Austin, that a vote of thanks be extended to the management of the Carls-Rite Hotel for the courtesy in furnishing a room for meeting and other accommodations. Carried by standing vote.

The following telegram was received and read by secretary:

"Regret sickness of chairman of Grange Executive Committee prevents our having representative present at your session. National Grange wishes Dominion Grange success and growth. You are all invited to attend National Grange at Cleveland, Ohio, in November."—L. J. Taber, Master National Grange.

Keen disappointment was felt and expressed by those present as the National Grange Visitor had been anticipated with great interest.

Session adjourned for supper and social hour to the pleasant dining-room of the hotel, where, at reserved tables, all enjoyed not only the delicious repast, but the still greater companionship and reminiscences of old and new friends. This annual social event has become one of the strong features of the Dominion Grange that no one would willingly miss.

THIRD SESSION

Grange convened again at seven p.m. in the beautiful dining-room annex, the blue room being needed owing to influx of guests to the Exhibition.

The first order of business was the installation of the new officers, which was most efficiently and impressively done by Bro. Lethbridge, assisted by the Worthy Master and Secretary, who had been re-elected. Every member was present and when called on responded, promising a faithful performance of their duties.

Moved by Bro. Lethbridge, seconded by Sister Axford, that Sister Robinson be the official representative to the National Grange to be held in Cleveland in November. Carried.

Moved by Sister Robinson, seconded by Bro. Pritchard, that Bro. Lethbridge be also a representative at the National Grange. Carried.

Sister Annie McMaster, at the piano, delighted the members with some favorite Scotch music, which was encored.

Bro. Jonathan Austin of Norfolk Grange

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters:

I have been asked to tell something of the working of the Norfolk Fruit Growers' Association for the co-operative marketing of fruit, chiefly apples.

The Association was organized twenty-one years ago last March with seventeen charter members, of which I had the honor to be one. I consider it an honor to have been a charter member of an association which has been so successful. The membership has now grown to 350, and the output of apples last year was 315 cars, which would mean about 55,000 barrels, no small quantity to ship from one country.

The success of the organization is due almost entirely to the efforts of one man, James E. Johnson, familiarly known as "Jim." Mr. Johnson was born in Norfolk County, about a mile distant from my home. When a young man he went to Chicago and obtained his business experience there. In the course of business he had occasion to visit New York State to buy apples and obtained an insight into their methods of production, which were much in advance of ours at that time. It is not so now. The methods of producing apples in Norfolk County are now in advance of New York State and our business methods at least equal to if not in advance of those of any similar organization on the continent of America.

Mr. Johnson, who was made manager of the Association at its inception, immediately put on a campaign of education, and by means of meetings and having instructors visit the members, enabled them to become proficient in the cultivation and spraying of orchards, and also in the sorting and packing of the fruit. The aim has been for quality and to build up a reputation, while the fruit Act makes allowance for ten per cent. defective apples in the barrel, I doubt very much if one per cent. of such apples can be found in our pack. The members, with scarcely an exception, are enthusiastic, and co-operate heartily with the manager in his desire for quality goods.

Good prices are obtained. Last year (1926) prices were lowest for some years. All growers receive the same price for the same grade and variety. The best varieties, such as Spy, Snow, MacIntosh, etc., are paid for at a higher rate than the poorer varieties. In 1926, the price to us averaged about \$2.50 per barrel net, that is for all varieties, and grades No. 1, No. 2 and domestic. This is after deducting commission for selling, cost of barrel and spray material and all expense of handling.

The orchard business has made a great expansion since the organization of this Association and many large orchards have been planted. One orchard that I know of is 150 acres in extent, and now just coming into bearing. Another orchard which I had the pleasure of visiting last year consists of 35 acres, about fifteen years planted. At the time I visited it, the apples were beginning to color, and it was certainly worth while seeing. This year the owner expects 1,000 barrels of one variety, Wealthy.

This Association celebrated its twenty-first birthday last March by means of a monster banquet, at which G. E. MacIntosh, Chief of the Fruit Department, Ottawa, and P. W. Hodgetts of Toronto were present and delivered addresses. Also a gentleman who bought one hundred cars of our apples in 1926 gave a talk, dealing with the question from a buyer's point of view. In the course of his address he took occasion to compliment the Association on the efficiency of their manager, and cautioned the members to take good care of him for such men are not plentiful.

Although in all probability no member of this Association would be in the business except for the prospective monetary returns, there is another side to the question, and that is the fascination of the work. While there is much about orcharding not altogether pleasant, still the knowledge that we are working in conjunction with nature in producing an article so good to look upon, so agreeable to the taste, and so conducive to health, affords a great amount of satisfaction to the grower of good apples.

Discussion followed, led by J. J. Pritchard, Miss Robinson and Bros. Goodfellow and Anderson, also J. J. Pritchard told of meeting fruit growers at Ottawa and distributing Ontario Spy apples among the western delegates.

Bro. Lethbridge gave a description of his trip to the western coast, describing his trip by boat to Fort William, then by C.P.R. through the Rockies and on to Vancouver, through the Okanagan Valley and their wonderful fruit orchards, giving descriptions of Victoria, Fraser River, Portland, Seattle and Prince Rupert. The eyes of the world are on Canada at the present time this year of Confederation. He spoke on the size and population of Canada and compared it with the population of Europe. Canada exported 332 million bushels of wheat. The world could hardly do without Canada's wheat. Going back over the years in Canada since confederation. Passing through all western towns large celebrations were in progress for Confederation. He suggested on Empire day going out and commemorating the coming of our pioneer forefathers, who suffered great hardships here.

Bro. W. F. W. Fisher and Bro. Judson Austin spoke of the splendid harmony prevailing our deliberations and their pleasure at being able to be present to enjoy the fraternal spirit of such a gathering.

The Secretary's Report

Sister Robinson spoke on the value of systematic programmes for the subordinate Granges and the benefit of having public meetings and described a flower and vegetable show held by Apple Grove Grange, in which the whole neighborhood was interested. It was worked by means of committees. Refreshments were sold and prizes given by members and merchants, the district agricultural representative and one of the city florists being judges.

A musical programme, speeches and a collection were special features. If any Grange wishes to try this scheme we will be pleased to give all details. A fruit show could also be added, especially apples.

The National Grange Monthly, only 37 cents a year through the office of the Dominion Grange, is one of the best papers published. If it could be brought to each Grange home in Canada as it is in the United States, a great amount of good could be accomplished.

The Grange membership stands about the same as last year, no charters issued or surrendered. Meeting in September had not proved advantageous to the treasury, but hoped a double amount would be forthcoming at the next annual. The time to be set by the Executive should be well thought out and trust it will be so placed in the best interests of the order. Suggestions gratefully received. She also thanked all who had so ably and cheerfully helped in making this a record meeting, if not in numbers, in enthusiasm.

The worthy Master, W. E. Wardell, after a few well chosen words of appreciation, closed in due form. The National Anthem was sung, with Sister McMaster at the piano.

